(b) whether it is also a fact that French Government managed to find out their bids and bagged the contract by under bidding them;

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry with regard to the disclosure of the U.S. and Soviet bids to the French sources; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter stating whether any underhand involvement is suspected in disclosing the U.S. and Soviet bids ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) . (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Court martial proceedings against army personnel

430. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how many general Court martial proceedings were carried out in the Army during the last three years and in how many cases the army personnel were sentenced to imprisonment;

(b) whether it is a fact that in many cases life imprisonment was awarded by the Court martial;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof for the last five years;

(d) whether it is also a fact that many court martial cases were quashed by various High Courts and Supreme Court; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (e) Relevant particulars in respect of last five years are as per the Statement attached. (See below)

It would be seen that only in very few cases, Court Martial proceedings have been quashed by the High Courts/Supreme Court.

Statement

Sl. No.	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	Total
1. General Court Martial cases taken up.	85	78	101	88	69	421
2. Cases in which Imprisonment was awarded.	36	40	58	31	29	194
3. Cases in which Life Imprisonment was awarded.	4	8	9	5	10	36
4. Cases quashed by courts (out of Sl. No. 1 above).	4	4	2	4	6	20